

## Pictures Requested

The *Imperial Night-Hawk* is anxious to secure for publication pictures which will prove of interest to Klansmen.

Exalted Cyclops, Kigrappes and Klan Correspondents are asked to forward to this magazine any photographs of Klan ceremonials, parades, etc., in their Klantron. In pictures of this nature all Klansmen shown in the regalia of our order *must have their tiers down*. Otherwise they cannot be published. A great many good pictures are received that cannot be used for that one reason.

Many Klans have erected or are planning to erect their own Klaverns, some are building hospitals or Protestant homes.

Photographs or architects' perspectives of these buildings will be published in the *Imperial Night-Hawk* if sent to Post Office Box 1104, Atlanta, Ga.

We also appreciate any information concerning naturalization ceremonies and other meetings of general interest, and give them as much space as possible.



Above is shown the float entered by Florence Klan No. 5, Realm of South Carolina, in the Florence County Fair parade on October seventeenth. This float attracted more attention than all other floats in the parade, and speaks well for the ingenuity of Florence Klan. It was mounted on a large truck body. The Realm of South Carolina is up and coming and all Klans in the Realm are showing a steady growth.

## Gigantic Parade At Youngstown, Ohio

Youngstown, Ohio, saw one of the largest Klan parades ever held when Klansmen from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia gathered in that city on November tenth in a mammoth Klanklave. The crowd was estimated as between eighty and one hundred thousand. The parade was given after every attempt was made by the city officials to stop it. A court order, however, gave the Klan the right to parade and despite the fact that the chief of police is said to have given orders to shoot to kill should a parade be attempted, there was no disorder.

In addition to the parade there were spectacles, a gorgeous display of fireworks and a ceremonial at which two thousand were naturalized.

Mayor W. G. Reece, who used every way possible to stop the parade, and whose attempts started prior to the election of a few days before, was hopelessly beaten in his attempt for re-election.

## Estill Tribune Comes Out For Klan

## Victory In Pennsylvania

### At Pocono

## Fiery Cross Burned

### At Pocono, Md.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan won a sweeping victory over the enemies of the order in the recent county elections in Pittsburgh. The support given the order is attributed to the revolt of citizens at the murder of a Klansman in Carnegie, a borough of Pittsburgh.

The *Evil Tribune*, of Irvine, Kentucky, has announced that after an exhaustive investigation of the subject, it has decided that the Ku Klux Klan is an organization to which a great ceremony Thursday night, November fifteenth, at Pocono City. Pocono Klan had raised a Fiery Cross on the fair grounds, thirty-five feet in height and at eight o'clock in the evening led by a large band started and paraded the city after the parade the cross was lighted and by its light Dr. Burke of Ocean City Klan, Realm of Maryland, delivered a very forceful address on the principles and purposes of the Knights come out in favor of the Klan. Editorially it stated that it believed that in less than one year all papers except those edited by Catholics would "be falling over one another to get the good graces of the Klan."

"The trouble with the enemies of the Klan is that they realize they are fighting for a lost cause and like a drowning man, are grabbing at a straw," says the *Tribune*.

# The IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK



## Settlement Reached Between Klan And Former Emperor Simmons

For the information of all Klansmen we give below and on following pages complete details of the settlement recently reached between the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and former Emperor William Joseph Simmons.

By the agreement Colonel Simmons relinquishes all of his rights, titles and interests in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, resigning as Emperor thereof, and as a member of the organization, and obligates himself to refrain from participating in any other order which would in any wise antagonize or interfere with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or the membership thereof.

The actual cash consideration involved was \$45,500. This amount was arrived at, as explained in the affidavit of Paul S. Etheridge, Imperial Klonsel, by computing the value of the annuity existing in favor of Colonel Simmons and payable at the rate of \$,000 per month.

All documents in the case are quoted verbatim. The agreement follows:

This INDENTURE, made and entered into this first day of February, 1924, by and between William Joseph Simmons and his wife, Bessie Shine Simmons, both of the County of Fulton and State of Georgia, parties of the first part, and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., a corporation settlement of any claim which the said parties of the first part jointly or severally have against the said party of the second part, its officers, agents, members of agencies, of whatever kind.

Now THEREFORE, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes hereinabove expressed and the other pur-

privileges of the parties of the first part, and each of them, and to make

"(ii). On and after May 1, 1925, the salary of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars a month hitherto voted to

to said Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. On and after May 1, 1925,

said Colonel William Joseph Simmons shall cease, but nothing herein shall prevent the Klanclion on the Klan-vacation from hereafter paying such salary as they may see fit to pay to

in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, which said suit is styled William Joseph Simmons versus H. W. Evans et al., being No. 5658, in equity, and whereas, an agreement was reached settling the said case, which said agreement is dated the 23rd day of April, 1923, and whereas, a decree was taken in Superior Court, Atlanta Circuit, and Whereas, in the said suit William Joseph Simmons asserted certain rights against the party of the second part and other persons, and in the aforementioned agreement of settlement, certain rights, privileges and benefits were conferred upon the said William Joseph Simmons and his wife, Besse Shine Simmons, and Whereas, the parties of the first part jointly and severally do now desire to make settlement of those rights, benefits and privileges, and each of the said parties of the first part also desire to make settlement of all other rights, claims and demands of all kinds, of whatsoever nature, which lie or sit separately or jointly may have against the said party of the second part, its officers, agents, agencies or members, and Whereas, the said party of the second part desires to purchase the aforesaid rights, benefits and

sideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) paid to each of the parties of the first part in hand paid by the party of the second part, and because of other good and valuable considerations to the parties of the first part in hand, paid by the party of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. second part, the receipt is legal. And it is further agreed that the equitable and moral sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part to hereby transfer, set over and assign unto the parties of the second part, all of the rights, privileges, and benefits which they have or either of them has against the said party of the second part, its officers, agents, and assigns to the said Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., the copy of the aforementioned agreement and decree, and especially on account of that part of the said agreement contained in paragraphs 10 and 11 thereof, as follows:

"(1o). It is agreed that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., will buy from Colonel William Joseph Simmons the existing copy right and author's rights referred to in the decree, a copy of which is hereto attached, and will pay therefor to the said William Joseph Simmons the sum of one thousand dollars a month to his wife, Besse Shine Simmons, so long as she sit alive, if she shall survive him, and said Simmons shall assign the same

to the foregoing quotation, and the said William Joseph Simmons does surrender the right to any salary applicable to the office of Emperor, whether the same be back or future salary, and he does also surrender any right to stenographic or clerical help or any claim on account thereof, whether the same be past or future. And the said William Joseph Simmons does resign the office of Emperor of the said Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and all other offices which he has with the said Klan, and the term "office" as here used shall be construed in its broad sense and shall include all connections with the said Klan.

For the considerations aforesaid,

FEBRUARY 21, 1924

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Before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_  
Public, personally appeared William Joseph Simmons and his wife, Mrs. Bessie Shine Simmons, who acknowledged before me that they were informed of the contents of the foregoing writing, they executed, and each of them did execute, the same voluntarily, for the purposes therein expressed.  
Witness my hand and official signature at Atlanta, Georgia, this 1st day of February, 1924.  
(Signed) Frank B. Jones

**Simmons' Resignation**  
Atlanta, Georgia, February 1, 1921.  
To the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
Klan, Inc.:  
The undersigned, William Joseph  
Simmons, immo-  
nions, do hereby tender to you  
my resignation as Emperor of the  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.  
I renounce all rights, privileges and  
immunities, attaching to said office; and  
do likewise tender my resignation  
to any other office which I may hold  
in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.  
I do now release any of the  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
from any obligation or  
liability which I may have  
incurred, and do now release any of the  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Joseph Simmons with the said Order, and the said parties of the first part agree, and each of them does agree, to do nothing that will cloud the title and right of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., to any properties now or hereafter owned by it, visible or invisible; and they agree that the obligations of the parties of the first part, or either of them herein contained, may be enforced by injunction or restraining order, mandatory or otherwise, without proof of insolvency or any other ground for extraordinary relief. And the parties of the first part agree to dismiss, annul and satisfy and this instrument shall work the dismissal, annulment and satisfaction of all suits in equity or actions at law which they have or either of them has against any officer of the said Ku Klux Klan, Inc., wherever the same may be pending, in State Court or United States Court or elsewhere, whether the said suit be pending against the said persons because they are officers of the said Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., or otherwise.

In the construction of this instrument, the term "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc." shall include the incorporation and the organization, and the organization, or participate by himself or his authorized agents in the organization or creation of any order or organization, or to promote any order or organization already in existence, the purpose of which is to disorganize, disrupt or to annoy, or interfere with or cause dis-

Between William Joseph Simmons, the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., party of the second part, and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., party of the first part, and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., party of the second part, William, Joseph, Simmons with his wife, Mrs. Bessie Shine Simmons has entered into a contract with the party of the second part, which is dated the first day of February, 1944, in which the parties of the first part convey to the party of the second part, "that good will of any former connection of the said William Joseph Simmons with the said Order," and

Whereas, it is desired to clarify this obligation, it is agreed that this shall be construed to include the agreement on the part of the said party of the first part not to organize or carry any order or organization, or participate by himself or his authorized agents in the organization or creation of any order or organization, or to promote any order or organization already in existence, the purpose of which is to disorganize, disrupt or to annoy, or interfere with or cause dis-

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Between William Joseph Simmons, the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., party of the second part, and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., party of the first part, that honor and dignity worthy of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., having founded and developed your great Order, and also with the honor and dignity which fittingly becomes one who has been the leader of two millions of knightly men, whose hearts perpetually beat with love for Country and faith in God.

William Joseph Simmons

The foregoing resignation is accepted. This fourth day of February 1944.

To W. W. Banks,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

You are hereby directed to deliver over to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., the contract ex-

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# Canon City, Colorado, Klan Chartered; Large Class Naturalized



*Charter night, January 26, 1924, Canon City Klan No. 21*

Canon City Klan No. 21 of the Southern Province, Realm of Colorado, is now a chartered organization.

Last Saturday evening amid a gathering of Klansmen numbering thousands the charter was delivered. The meeting was held at the Swimming Pool in Canon City and was one of the largest and best of its kind ever held in the state. There were Klansmen in attendance from all sections of the state and some from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, Oregon, and other sections of the United States. Among the Klans represented at the meeting from the state were Florence, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver, Trinidad, Walsenburg, La Junta, Rockford, Salida, Beuna Vista and several other cities.

The Canon City Klan has been a provisional organization for almost a year and has grown from a small handful of men to a size where it is now an organization of real strength in the community. There were some few over five hundred members of the Canon City Klan present at the meeting and at that time there was an extraordinarily large class naturalized into the local organization.

While the ceremonies were taking place a huge red and Fiery Cross illuminated the crest of the hill south of Ninth street and burned there unmolested for almost an hour

and carried with it the distinction of the symbolic purpose of the Klan, telling all who saw it and the others, two of which burned earlier in the evening on Main street, and the one that burned at the D. & R. G. depot, that the Klan and the principles for which the Klan stands would stay in Canon City and be part of its daily life for years to come.

Noted visitors and high officials of the Klan in Colorado were in attendance. The Grand Dragon of the state and other state officers were present at the meeting and conducted the charter ceremonies, and other officers told of the principles of the Klan. A brief summary of the forceful lectures that were made at the meeting is given here. The principles and policies of the Klan were outlined and then there was named the three groups of citizens who oppose the Klan. These three groups were given as, first: the lawless element of any given community, for they know the Klan stands for the enforcement of law and order through the duly constituted officials of the law and for the observance of law and order in addition. Second: those who are conscientiously opposed, due to their training, to all Protestant, Christian organizations and especially those that are secret in character. Third: those who are either uninformed or due to the propaganda of certain news agencies,

are misinformed regarding the motives and methods of the Klan.

Canon City Klan No. 21 stands one hundred per cent strong in support of faithful officers in their city, county, state and nation. They ask no special favors and expect none to be granted to those who oppose them. They intend to see to it that their municipal, state and federal laws are enforced to the limit. They say they have no time for individual or organized criminality in Canon City or in Fremont County and expect to make their laws so potent and their officers of the law so courageous through public sentiment that both law and officers will be a terror to offenders against the laws of our land.

## Robe of 60's Worn by Georgia Klansman

Although many Southern Klans boast of members who were "original" Klansmen, Gainesville Klan, Realm of Georgia, believes that it has the only original member who still wears the robe he wore in the sixties, which was made for him by his wife, "a lady of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" of the sixties.

The daily press amuses itself and deceives the public by its idle tales of Ku Klux Klan doings.